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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1874.*

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1874, Miscellaneous No. 143:—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 1st December 1873, No. 269.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Head Sheristadarship of this district having become vacant owing to the sudden death of Thyil Ramunni, I have appointed Krishna Pattar, Tahsildar of Palghaut, to the post subject to the approval of the Board.

2. He entered the service in 1845, and attained the grade of Tahsildar in 1862, at which time no examination had been prescribed for the post. He is therefore exempt from tests.

3. The Sheristadarship in this district is one of the most difficult places for which to find a suitable incumbent. I am convinced that the post could never be satisfactorily filled by any one from outside. There are so many matters regarding which the Collector must look to a man possessing an intimate knowledge of the numberless peculiarities of the district as regards revenue system, tenures, and social usages; moreover, a thorough knowledge of individuals and families, with their various interests mutual or conflicting, as well as of their previous history, is absolutely essential to defeat the intrigues which are so rife. I have selected Krishna Pattar as being in my opinion so pre-eminent in ability, integrity, and experience, as to leave no doubt as to his being the man best fitted for the appointment, ~~in spite of a want of knowledge of English.~~

4. In regard to this latter point, I may observe that with the exception of the Tahsildars of Wynaad and Cochin, whose duties are of an exceptional character, no Tahsildar in the district knows English, and if the knowledge of this were to be made a *sine qua non*, we should have to forego the services of the men best fitted by character and ability and experience to uphold the interests of Government and of the public.

5. Krishna Pattar served for some years as Sub-Magistrate of Tellicherry, then as Tahsildar of Cherakal; he subsequently served as Tahsildar of Walluvanad, and later of Palghaut. In all these posts he has acquitted himself to the satisfaction, I may say, to the admiration of his superiors, and earned for himself a reputation for industry, ability, and honesty, such as is seldom attained by native officials.

6. This appointment, if approved of, will render vacant the post of Tahsildar of Palghaut, and besides this, three other taluqs have within the last few days become vacant, viz., Kottayan by retirement of Karunagara Menon, Ernad by the death of Ramunni Marar, and Walluvanad by the death of Achutan Nair.

7. I have filled up the last of these by confirming Paral Mussa, whose conduct as Acting Tahsildar of Walluvanad, during the recent outbreak, has been highly approved and specially commended by Government.

8. It will, however, be necessary for sanction to be accorded to the appointment of three new Tahsildars, and I beg to name the individuals noted in the margin for the approval of the Board and Government.

1. Karunagara Menon.
2. Oyitty Raman.
3. Pydel Kurup.

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9. No. 1 has served for the last two-and-a-half years as Sub-Magistrate of the town of Calicut. He was before that Magisterial Clerk in the offices of the Joint-Magistrate and Magistrate of the district, respectively. He has passed all the required tests, and is a good English Scholar and a promising officer.

10. No. 2 was originally in the Revenue Department, but joined the Police soon after its re-organization. He has been for some time a 1st Class Inspector and bears the highest character. He has passed the required tests, but is not acquainted with English.

11. No. 3 has served for some years as Taluq Sheristadar and is favourably spoken of by his superiors. He is of long service and has passed the prescribed tests, and is a man of considerable private estate. He is not acquainted with English.

12. As I have already stated, the knowledge of English is seldom found among men of experience in the public service in this district. There will be no deficiency on this head as regards the rising generation.

13. Considering, however, the difficult duties which devolve on such officials, I trust the Board will agree in the propriety of waiving the mere lingual attainment in favour of approved efficiency.

THE Board consider that the Collector has conclusively shown that the public interests require that Krishna Pattar should be made Huzur Sheristadar of Malabar, in spite of his ignorance of English. In all other respects he is well fitted for the post, and knowledge of English is not possessed by any one with the knowledge and experience of Malabar. The Collector thinks that as he entered the service in 1845, and became a Tahsildar in 1862, he is exempt from tests, but the Board doubt this. The rules require that candidates for the post of Huzur Sheristadar should pass in Precise Writing and the Lower Grade of the Revenue Test, and it does not follow that because Krishna Pattar is a Tahsildar, and these tests are the Tahsildar's Tests, he is not required to pass them before he is advanced to the post of Huzur Sheristadar.

2. Under the circumstances, however, the Board resolve to urge Government to grant an exemption from the tests in this case.

3. The Collector will be good enough to submit the Service Lists of his nominees for the post of Tahsildar, showing whether they have served the necessary time in qualifying grades, and to state to which taluq each is to be appointed.

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1874, No. 76.

Miscellaneous.

In the very exceptional circumstances of Malabar the Government resolve to make the concession sought.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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(Tattu Sheristadar of Calicut)

No. 54.

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From

Pres: Board of Revenue

Dated *9th January* 1874.

G. O. FOR ORDERS.

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*14th of Revenue Dec. 1874
6th of Jan. 1875
17th January 1874*

Govt. of 1874
REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated January 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 17th January 1874, No. 76.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 145-146.

*Krishna Patta, Huzar Sheristadar of
Malabar.—Sanctioning exemption of — from
passing the required tests, under the exceptional
circumstances of the district.*



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FOR ORDERS.

Miscellaneous No. 143.

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Dated 9th January 1874.

Read the following:-

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Collector of Malabar.

To J. Grew Esquire
Secretary to the
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3. The Sheristadarskip in this District is one of the most difficult places for which to find a suitable incumbent. I am convinced that the post could never be satisfactorily filled by any one from outside. There are so many matters regarding which the collector must look to a man possessing an intimate knowledge

knowledge of the humbler peculiarities of the District as regards Revenue Systems, tenures and social usages; moreover a thorough knowledge of individuals and families with their various interests, mutual or conflicting, as well as of their previous history is absolutely essential to defeat the intrigues which are so rife. I have selected Krishna Patta as being in my opinion so pre-eminent in ability, integrity and experience as to leave no doubt as to his being the man best fitted for the appointment, notwithstanding the drawback of a want of knowledge of English

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and

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2. Oyil Ramani
3. Oyil Kump

and Government.

9. Pt. 1 has served for the
last 2 1/2 years as sub magistrate
of the Town of Calicut. He
was before that magis-
trical clerk in the offices
of the joint magistrate
and sub magistrate of
the District respectively.

He has passed all the
required tests and is a good
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There will be no deficiency on this head as regards the rising generation.

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Malabar
Collector's office
Calicut
1st December 1873
Sd/-, A. MacGregor
Collector

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state to which Salary each
is to be appointed.

True copy & extract

J. G. G.
Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

B. M. M. G.

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Book of Minutes

Dated 9. January 1874
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Afternoon 1200 =
I have appointment of
Trichina Pakhar Taluk
-dar of Polghat as
Mazun Shikidar of
Malabar District, and
requeeting Government to
exempt him from duties
required of him, also
deceiving bottles to
Kuthni's Service Field of
Captain Parker's nomination
for post of Shikidar.